



HARLES by the Grace of God, King of great Britaine, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To **our**

Messengers, our Sheriffs, in that part, conjunctly and severally specially constitute greeting. Forasmuch as we and the Estates of our Parliament presently convened, remembering that at the first institution of the Colledge of Justice, and divers times thereafter in Parliaments ratifying the same; Our royall Ancestors and Estates of our Realme then assembled, found the erection of that honourable consistorie, which is a biding monument of the glorie of their reignes, not onlie to be usefull for royall service, but also necessarie and profitable for the peace of this our Kingdome, and to the seene good and comfort of all our Subjects; And considering that the provision allowed of before to the Lords of Session was no wayes sufficient for defraying of their charges; And that through their continuall attendance, their private affaires are neglected, and great losses thereby sustained by them: Therefore, and to the effect, the said Senators and Lords of our Session, present and to come, may be more encouraged to go on, and to persist as they do, in their zeale, and affections to our service, and in faithfull ministration of Justice, to the generall weale of this our Realme and our Lieges; The said Estates, with our speciall approbation, and gracious good liking, have most freeilie condescended, statute, and enacted, that a taxation be presently imposed upon their lands and means, which with our consent foresaid, they ordaine to be collected and payed to the effect, in maner, and at the termes following: That is to say, The Duke, Marquesses, Earles, Vicounts, Lords, and Commissioners of Shires for the temporall Estate, have granted that there shall be vplifted of everie pound land of old extent within this our Kingdome pertaining to Dukes, Marquesses, Earles, Vicounts, Lords, Barons, Freeholders, and Fewers of our proper lands, the summe of ten shillings money at every one of the four tearms following, viz. The summe of ten shillings money at the feast and tearm of Martinmasse next to come in this instant year of God, 1633. The summe of other ten shillings money at the feast and tearm of Martinmasse, in anno 1634. The summe of other ten shillings money at the feast and tearm of Martinmasse, 1635. And the summe of other ten shillings money at the feast and tearme of Martinmasse, 1636. And for the spirituall men and burrowes parts of the same taxation, that there shall be uplifted of all Archbishopricks, Bishopricks, Abbacies, Pryories, and other inferiour benefices, and of every free burgh within this our Kingdome, at every one of the foure tearms abovespecified, the just taxation thereof, as they have been accustomed to be taxed in all time by-gone, whensoever the temporall Lands of this our Kingdome were stented to tenn shillings the pound land of old extent. And for inbringing the tearms payment of our burrowes parts of the same taxation, Our other letters are direct, charging the Provest, and Bayliffs of each burgh to make payment of the taxt and stent thereof to

Collector generall, appointed for receiving of the same taxation, or to his Deputes & Officers in his name, having his power to receive the same, at the feast & tearm of Martinmas, in the year of God one thousand six hundred thirtie years, under the pain of rebellion & putting of them to our horn: For whose reliefe,

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Per actum Parliamenti.

*[Handwritten signatures and notes, including a large flourish and the date 1633.]*





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